

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER

Cory Fong, Commissioner

Noncompliant NPM Brands

North Dakota is a participant in the Master Settle Agreement, an agreement between most states and the tobacco manufacturers whom are signatories, requiring payments to be made to a general fund based on sales, that is distributed to the states. We have also passed legislation which requires non participating manufacturers to make escrow payments annually, by April 15th each year, into an account they establish, based on cigarettes sold into North Dakota the previous calendar year. There is no requirement to certify or register brands before they can be sold to wholesalers for North Dakota sale. Currently, any brand of cigarettes manufactured by a tobacco products manufacturer that is in compliance with North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) § 51-25-02(2) may be legally sold.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Office of Attorney General and the North Dakota Tax Commissioner have made the determination that the following tobacco product manufacturers are not in compliance with N.D.C.C. § 51-25-02(2):

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Brands</u>
American Virginia	Bridgeport
Changsha Cigarette Factory	NISE
CigTec Tobacco, LLC	CT, CT Classic ICE
GTC Industries	A-One, Chancellor, Diamond, Diamonds, Double Diamond, Esquire, Flair, Miss Diamond, Panama, Pavilion
Mighty Corporation	Sixty-1
Prime Mover	Desert Sun, Melbourne
PT Bentoel	Bentoel, Bima, California Gold, Krakatoa, Kuta Kretek, Jakarta, Country, Interbiru, Stamild, Terong, Prinsip, Premium, Premium One
Sable Wagshire & Co.	Shivsagar, Irie
Tabacalera Honnington, S.A.	Parker
Tabacalera Nazionale, S.A.	Infinity
Tobacco Resources Sdn Bhd	Sahara

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that N.D.C.C. § 57-36-05.2 provides:

A dealer, distributor, or other person may not knowingly sell or distribute in this state any tobacco product manufactured by a tobacco product manufacturer not in compliance with subsection 2 of section 51-25-02.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that knowingly selling or distributing tobacco products manufactured by a tobacco product manufacturer not in compliance with N.D.C.C. § 51-25-02(2) is a violation of N.D.C.C. ch. 57-36 and may subject the dealer or distributor to the penalties in N.D.C.C. §§ 57-36-04 and 57-36-33.

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